

### Holiday Spirit Reflected In Session Of Toastmasters And Toastmistresses

The holiday spirit was much in evidence Tuesday night at a joint meeting of the Roseburg Toastmasters and Toastmistresses clubs, held in the civic room of Hotel Umpqua.

More than 50 persons attended the event, including club members, wives, husbands and guests.

Mrs. E. L. Tauscher, table topic mistress, had each person present draw from a Christmas stocking a card bearing the title of a table topic. The 60-second talks dealt with some phase of Christmas or the holiday season.

Mrs. Dan Dimmick, one of the four principal speakers, entertained those present with an account of her grandfather and his three wives. She explained that her father was a member of the Mormon faith in the days when polygamy was common, but that after the U. S. government outlawed the practice, her grandfather served a jail sentence and later was forced to disguise himself in order to visit his three spouses.

Mrs. Jack Myer, speaking on "Crafts and Hobbies," highlighted her talk with the advice that persons devote more time and interest to constructive hobbies or crafts, a move which would be a step toward "self government."

She classified hobbies as either passive or active. The first type, she said, would include such activities as collecting stamps and other items. The second and more beneficial type includes activities which require actual participation. She cited as an example the "Chin Scrapers," members of the Roseburg chapter of the Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barber Shop Quartet Singing in America, who performed at the Tuesday meeting.

Hunting Exploits Related  
Bob Harvie, toastmaster for the evening, introduced Norman Tooley, first speaker of the evening, as a young man of undisputed veracity, making his maiden speech. Tooley put to shame accounts of other hunters' exploits with his talk, "Some Hunting Trip."

He told of swimming under water to tie together the feet of a flock of ducks, getting tangled in the line and being

### Hospital Employees Assn. Sets Children's Party

The second annual Christmas party, given for children of the members of the Employees Association of the Roseburg VA hospital, will be held Saturday, Dec. 17, from 6:30 to 8 p. m., at the hospital.

Mrs. J. L. Haskins, chairman of the steering committee, announced there would be entertainment, presents and refreshments for every child attending. Before Santa Claus arrives, the children will be entertained by singers, dancers, tumblers and a magician.

Headling the entertainment committee is Miss Ruth Bloom; Del Jewett is chairman of the Santa committee.

### Excise Taxes May Be Killed, Indication

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new taxes? That will have to be covered in the budget message that goes to Congress in January, he replied.

Would the budget be balanced? It has always been his aim to have a balanced budget, Mr. Truman said.

President Truman flatly denied today any revision of a navy list of captains recommended for promotion to admiral.

He said that no name has been knocked off or added to it. He said the list of men recommended for promotion is on his desk and that he was not yet ready for action on it.

Disputing a published report (by the New York Herald Tribune) that the list was a revised one, the president said sharply there has been but one list.

The story said the "original" list was revised to eliminate the name of Capt. Arieh A. Burke, a Pacific veteran and director of "operation 23" which devised strategy of some high navy officials against phases of the unification program.

### More Power From Copco Coming From Tokete

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die, Myrtle Creek, Dillard and Carnes.

Other Plans Listed  
Construction soon is to be started on a transmission line from Days Creek to Grants Pass by way of Glendale. Then, should breaks occur on the line from Prospect to Dixonville, it will be possible to switch around the break from either direction and continue service to the area.

Reconstruction of the Prospect line is planned when installations are complete to permit service by way of the Days Creek station.

As further development occurs on the North Umpqua, Copco plans a loop circuit to include Roseburg, Grants Pass, Medford, and Klamath Falls, permitting service to be handled in either direction and greatly reducing danger of any prolonged interruption.

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### Annexed Areas Assured By Mayor Of Street Repair

The city council's official canvass of the ballots Wednesday night of Tuesday's election revealed the vote to be 418 to 16 for West Roseburg's annexation, 415 to 19 for Sleepy Hollow-Miller's addition and 415 to 16 for Beulah's addition.

At noon Wednesday, city officials, Chamber of Commerce members and civic leaders toured the new areas, welcoming them to the city. The procession was led by a police escort and the city's largest fire truck, all with sirens wide open.

A sign on the fire truck read "Welcome to Roseburg." Two sound cars aided in attracting attention. Residents of the areas smiled and waved as the caravan passed by.

Mayor Albert G. Flegel, after riding over the bumpy streets in West Roseburg, announced over one of the sound truck speakers that the residents could be assured of improved streets within a week.

City Manager M. W. Slankard reported that addition of the new districts gives the city a total area of 640 acres. West Roseburg adds 254 acres, Sleepy Hollow-Miller's addition adds 4.1 acres, and Beulah's addition adds one-half acre.

He said that as soon as the election results have been forwarded to Secretary of State Newby, the new areas will be officially declared a part of the city.

### Rent Control Retention To Be Asked, Forecast

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areas are getting on, a rent control spokesman told reporters that the mayor of Omaha, Neb., now is urging a special session of the legislature for the purpose of writing a Nebraska state rent law.

Federal rent controls, under present law, can be restored only in those areas where the ceilings have been removed by action of the federal rent administrator. Thus far he has controlled three areas—Harrodsburg, Ky., Americus, Ga., and part of Somerset county in Pennsylvania.

The rent control official said several other decontrolled areas where rents have jumped are being watched for possible action toward restoration of rent controls.

8 MORE INSPECTORS  
PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The state liquor control commission has added eight more inspectors. They were named yesterday after examinations taken by 50 applicants for the jobs.

### Washington Court Again Hits Pinball Machines

OLMPIA, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The Washington State Supreme court tilted all the pinball machines again yesterday and the machine owners declared they would appeal to the U. S. Supreme court to keep the pinballs rolling.

The State court denied a petition for a rehearing of its Nov. 9 ruling that pinball machines are illegal. Then the judges turned down a request that the rulings be stayed pending an appeal to the highest court.

### No-Water Friday Facing N. Y. City

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The weather man's news today was not too good for water-short New Yorkers as they scrubbed with extra gusto in preparation for "dry Friday," which will be ushered in at midnight.

No rain or snow was in sight to help fill the city's depleted reservoirs.

Tomorrow will be a bathless and shaveless day—all on a voluntary basis—as part of the manifold efforts being made to save the dwindling water supply.

Bathing and shaving were only part of the water uses that New York's 8,000,000 are asked to forego tomorrow.

The auto washing industry—some of whose members had balked at the ban on their trade—was falling in line today with the emergency measures ordered by water Commissioner Stephen J. Carney.

Thirty-two members of the Production Auto Laundry Owners association announced they had voted to comply with Carney's ban pending a conference between him and their lawyer. The association claims to represent almost all of the car-washing establishments in the city.

Six auto laundries were fined \$5 each in Brooklyn yesterday for violating Carney's orders. If tomorrow's water holiday shows an appreciable saving, it will be repeated weekly, to help stave off possible water rationing and lowering of pressure.

### Portland Broker To Be Tried For Embezzlement

PORTLAND, Dec. 15.—(AP)—A jury was selected yesterday for the trial of Arnold E. Johnson, 59, broker accused of embezzlement of the funds of five clients. Judge Alfred P. Dobson ordered the trial to begin Friday.

Johnson is accused of larceny by embezzlement of \$1,125 from Ella Lawrence on March 11, 1947. Four other indictments accuse the defendant and the late Roy Johnson, a brother, of taking funds from other accounts.

The brother was found dead in an automobile near Gladstone earlier this year. The car had been set afire.

### Woman Shrieks When Convicted Of Slaying Mate

RIVERSIDE, Calif., Dec. 15.—(AP)—Kicking and shrieking, Mrs. Sophie Petrillo was carried from the courtroom yesterday after a jury convicted her of murdering her husband, but she must appear again Monday on her plea of insanity.

When jurors announced their verdict of guilty, the haggard, 36-year-old widow screamed and rolled from her chair to the floor. There she remained, writhing and wailing, until deputies and matrons took her away.

She was still shrieking when they locked her up.

A jury of 10 women and two men took five and one-half hours to convict Mrs. Petrillo of second degree murder in the shooting of Peter Petrillo, 38, in Palm Springs Sept. 18.

She faces a term of five years to life in prison.

This same jury will decide if she was insane when she gunned her husband in a quarrel over dancer and erstwhile wife of band leader Louis Prima.

The prosecution wanted a first degree murder verdict—and the death penalty.

Mrs. Petrillo's lawyer contends she "blacked out" at the time of the shooting and that Petrillo, a night club manager, was having an affair with Mrs. Prima.

### Steel Prices Going Up; Labor Leaders Hit Move

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ports that its mills are now operating at 100 percent of capacity, and its president, Benjamin F. Fairless, thinks this present state of affairs will probably last until the middle of next year, at least.

Announcement Tomorrow  
How much the price of steel is going up will be announced tomorrow. Manufacturers all over the country will be interested—perhaps even more this time than in any year since the end of the war.

That's because this time they aren't so sure they can pass along to the customer, as they were able in the past, all of the additional cost to themselves of making their products. Competition is the factor they can't be sure about.

The buyers' market has sent many of them scrambling to find ways to cut their prices, has sent all of them searching for ways to cut their production costs. A rise in the price of steel will be a headache for every manufacturer using it.

Automobile makers, using a great deal of their product, will have to scan price lists for their new models again—if the price of sheet steel goes up very much. The auto makers, still on the

### The Weather

U. S. Weather Bureau Office  
Roseburg, Oregon  
Mostly cloudy with scattered showers today, tonight, and Friday.  
Highest temp. for any Dec. 70  
Lowest temp. for any Dec. 5  
Highest temp. yesterday 41  
Lowest temp. last 24 hrs. 41  
Precipitation last 24 hrs. 3  
Precipitation from Dec. 1 1.1  
Precipitation from Sept. 1 9.15  
Deficiency from Dec. 1 .80

crest, are nevertheless nervous about how much longer it will be until competition begins to nibble seriously at the car price structure, too.

Method Frowned Upon  
Steel companies used to price their products with an eye of equalizing the costs to manufacturers whether they were near or far from the steel mills. The Federal Trade commission frowned on this practice, and the steel companies began pricing their products right at the mill and letting the distant customer pay the freight. The far-away customer didn't like it, naturally. A compromise on this dispute has been reported nearly worked out.

The higher steel prices go, the more interested steel customers will be in saving whatever they can on freight charges.

Freight rates have been going up, too. And that, along with pensions, is one of the reasons given for hiking steel prices again.

### Lane County Cases Make Heavy Inroad In Polio Fund

EUGENE, Dec. 15.—(AP)—The high cost of polio care has made heavy inroads into the funds of the Lane County chapter of the national foundation for infantile paralysis, the local chapter has announced. So far this year, more than \$19,000 has been spent on Lane County residents alone who have needed outside help to pay for special polio care.

Up to last weekend, Sacred Heart hospital has admitted over 80 polio patients with more than 40 of these from Lane county. There are now several victims of the disease under treatment at Sacred Heart, and others come frequently for physical therapy.

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